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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Application No. 09/164,898

Filing Date October 1, 1998

First Named Inventor Akiyama

Group Art Unit 2186

Examiner Name Vital, P.

Attorney Docket No. 042390.P3373

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 4/10/02
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)
for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
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i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other _____

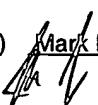
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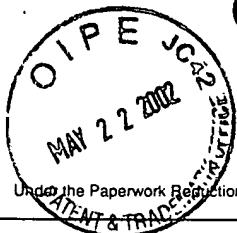
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee	Fee	Fee	
Code	Code	(\$)	
101	740	201	Utility application filing fee
106	330	206	Design application filing fee
107	510	207	Plant filing fee
108	740	208	Reissue filing fee
114	160	214	Provisional application filing fee

SUBTOTAL (1) \$ _____

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims <u>19</u>	$- 20^{**} = 0$	X <u>18.00</u>	= <u>0.00</u>
Independent Claims <u>4</u>	$- 6^{**} = 0$	X <u>84.00</u>	= <u>0.00</u>
Multiple Dependent			= _____

**Or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below.

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee Description
Code	Fee	Code	Fee	(\$)
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) \$ 0.00

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

<u>Large Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee Paid</u>
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	
105	130	205	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
127	50	227	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	130	139	Non-English specification
147	2,520	147	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
099	8,800	099	Request for inter partes reexamination
112	920*	112	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
113	1,840*	113	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215	Extension for response within first month
116	400	216	Extension for response within second month
117	920	217	Extension for response within third month
118	1,440	218	Extension for response within fourth month
128	1,960	228	Extension for response within fifth month
119	320	219	Notice of Appeal
120	320	220	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	280	221	Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application or unavoidably delayed payment of issue fee
141	1,280	241	Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application or unintentionally delayed payment of issue fee
142	1,280	242	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143	460	243	Design issue fee
144	620	244	Plant issue fee
122	130	122	Petitions to the Commissioner
123	50	123	Petitions related to provisional applications
126	180	126	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
581	40	581	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	740	246	For filing a submission after final rejection (see 37 CFR 1.129(a))
149	740	249	For each additional invention to be examined (see 37 CFR 1.129(b))
179	740	279	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
169	900	169	Request for expedited examination of a design application

Other fee (specify) _____

Other fee (specify) _____

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